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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

The Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Michael Abbiatti called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Diane Didier, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Michael Abbiatti (Chair)

Rizwan Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

Chief Robert Black

Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth

Joe Drago

Chief Freddie Drennan

Sheriff Ricky Edwards

Matt Farlow

Richard Gremillion

Lt. Colonel Robert Morris

Pat Potier

Colonel Eric Sivula

Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman

Colonel Henry Whitehorn

Committee Members Absent:

Arnold Chauviere

Heywood Jeffers

Curry Johnson

Representative Daniel Martiny

Camille Perry

Representing Agency:

LA Broadband Advisory Council/

LA Board of Regents

Division of Administration &

Office of Information Technology

LA Fire Chief's Association

LA State Police

Dept. of Transportation/Development

Police Chief's Association

LA Sheriff's Association

GOHSEP

Regional Parish Homeland Security &

Emergency Preparedness Directors

Committee

LA National Guard

Dept. of Health & Hospitals

Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services

Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

LA State Police

Representing Agency:

LA Public Service Commission

LA Senate Select Committee on

Homeland Security

LA House of Representatives Special

Committee on LA Homeland Security

LA House of Representatives Committee

On Administration of Criminal Justice

LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee

State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:

Clay Henry	Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
Colonel Kenneth Hughes	Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP
Donald Milligan	Region 6 Rapides OHSEP
Corporal Michael Murphy	Region 2 Baton Rouge OHSEP
Michael Ranatza	LA Commission on Law Enforcement
Tommy Thiebaud	Region 9 Washington OHSEP

Support Staff Present:

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

Guest List
See Appendix

III. Approval of the Minutes of August 23, 2006

Mr. Michael Abbiatti, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the August 23, 2006 minutes.

On motion of Colonel Henry Whitehorn, seconded by Chief Freddie Drennan, the Committee voted unanimously to dispense the reading of the minutes for August 23, 2006.

IV. Special Presentations

Mr. Abbiatti commented on his resigning as Chair for the SIEC due to his wife's illness. Mr. Abbiatti also stated that during his tenure, he appreciated the support and will continue assistance through the Board of Regents and the SIEC listserv. He then stated that Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, Vice-Chair for the SIEC, will assume the leadership role as Interim Chair until a Chair is appointed.

Mr. Andrew Muhl introduced himself representing the Governor's Office of Public Safety and Corrections and the Director of Policy and Planning, Doreen Brasseaux.

On motion of Colonel Henry Whitehorn, seconded by Corporal Michael Murphy, the Committee voted unanimously to commend Mr. Michael Abbiatti as the first Chair of the SIEC for his service and leadership during his service on the SIEC.

Mr. Abbiatti adjourned the Committee meeting for a presentation in the Claiborne Conference Center, Colorado Room at 1:47 p.m. The presentation was given by Mr. Larry Graham representing Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). After his presentation, Mr. Graham answered questions asked by the Committee members regarding the Emergency Response Management Network (ERWN) System.

The Committee members returned to full meeting at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Abbiatti asked Committee members how they wanted to administer Phase II of the SIEC 2006 Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Michael Ranatza commented on his concerns regarding the funding for the SIEC. After further discussion with funding support issues, the Committee voted to hold the SIEC meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month through December 2006. On recommendation of Chief Black, sub-committee Chairs meet when needed.

On motion of Corporal Michael Murphy, seconded by Chief Eric Sivula, the Committee voted unanimously to hold the SIEC meetings two times a month, the first and third Wednesday of the month through December 2006.

Ms. Diane Didier stated that she will prepare an updated schedule and distribute to Committee members on the SIEC listserv.

V. Sub-Committee Progress Reports

In absence of Mr. Abbiatti, Chief Robert Black asked Lt. Colonel Booth for the Assessment Sub-Committee report. Lt Colonel Booth gave an update on the Assessment Survey responses with hand outs and stated that they still need more responses to complete the Assessment. There was a request from the Committee members to send the Assessment Survey Report electronically on the SIEC listserv. Lt. Colonel Booth stated that he will give

his presentation on re-banding at the next SIEC meeting or subsequent meeting depending on the representatives from Washington, DC schedule.

Chief Robert Black stated there was no report from the "Technology Sub-Committee. Chief Black also stated that he will send a rough draft of "What is Interoperability?" on the SIEC listserv.

In absence of Mr. Abbiatti, Chair for the Finance and Funding Sub-Committee, Chief Black stated that they will appoint the Chair for the Funding and Finance Sub-Committee at the next SIEC meeting and no report was given for the Finance and Funding Sub-Committee. In absence of Ms. Susan Severance, Chair for the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee, no report was given.

VI. Old Business

Chief Black asked for a report from the Gulf Coast Summit Planning Committee. Ms. Diane Didier reported that the Planning Committee needed assistance from the Committee members for recommendations for vendors and topics for the Gulf Coast Summit. Ms. Didier also reported that Ms. Daphne Levenson, Corporal Michael Murphy, and she will be meeting the Ms. Geraldine Bordelon from the Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to visit conference site locations at local hotels and The River Center to hold the Summit.

Mr. Matt Farlow stated that he will provide the FEMA report from several parish responses for radio purchases.

After further discussion,

On motion of Mr. Dick Gremillion, seconded by Sheriff Ricky Edwards, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Mr. Matt Farlow on behalf of GOHSEP, to provide the FEMA report from parish responses for radio purchases.

VII. New Business

Sheriff Ricky Edwards inquired about the Telco lines. Mr. Raj Iyer of Motorola gave an explanation of the T-1 lines.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

IX. Adjournment

In the absence of further business, Chief Robert Black adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at 3:55 p.m.

APPENDIX
GUEST LIST
August 30, 2006

NAME

AFFILIATION

Christina Dayries
Ginny Kelly
Rob Harrison
Andrew Muhl
Robert Hale
Jerry Jones
Lori Brannon
Raj Iyer
Richard Silverman
Mickey McMorris

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SGMS
Governor's Office
LSU Police
LA RECON
Brannon & Associates/Cisco Systems
Motorola
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